

ANNUAL REPORT 2020



2020 ANMS ISPO Executive Board

President: Sally Cavenett

Vice President: Richard Ziegler

Honorary Treasurer: Richard Law

Honorary Secretary: VACANT

Ordinary Members:

Chair Outreach: Beth Sheehan

Chair Science and Research: Adj Prof Laurent Frossard

Chair Education and Training: Dr Nidhi Gupta

Past President: Dr Greg Bowring

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1. President Report

Dear ISPO Australia Members and Colleagues,

Thank you for your continued support and participation throughout 2020. An extended thank you to our Executive Committee (EC) members: Richard Ziegler Vice President, Richard Law Hon Treasurer, Adj Prof Laurent Frossard Chair of Science and Research Committee, Dr Nidhi Gupta Chair Education Committee, Beth Sheehan Chair Outreach Committee and Dr Greg Bowring immediate past President who retains a role as an ordinary member on the EC.

The impact of Covid-19 pandemic has coloured how we have conducted and planned our business in the past 12 months. Our membership and volunteer executive committee members have conducted their clinical, leadership and business roles during the various lock-downs and challenges; and you have all still made time to provide feedback and input to various projects when you have been called upon. Thank you for your continued membership and support for the Society during this trying year.

The EC have commenced engagement with an external administration and project officer, with the intention of transitioning some key tasks and projects for office continuity and supporting the work that Committee Chairs and the President role currently undertakes. With Secretary, Membership and Marketing roles all remaining vacant over the past 2-3 years, it is evident that these areas require diligent and at times automated processes for messages to be shared with the membership, our stakeholders, and the broader community whom we serve. We are looking forward to consolidating this role into our team and expanding the projects we can transition. James Kmet will initially work alongside me to undertake administrative and systems improvement tasks, and to advise and add value to our strategic projects. Welcome James!

Immediate systems projects include ISPO Australia website refresh, Donation recipient process as charitable organisation, and re-commencement of induction and operational manual for the Executive Committee.

Following the endorsement from members present at the 2020 AGM, the EC input a considerable amount of time and energy into the Global Educators Meeting 2022 Bid. Thanks to Beth, Nidhi and James for supporting me through this process and leading the local host committee and thank you to our dedicated commercial supplier, affiliated organisations and educator colleagues for pledging support for this bid. Alas, the final details of the preference for an education provider to be the host site, and the impact of rising Covid-19 cases internationally led us to withdraw our bid. Although disappointing for the work that was undertaken, the EC was buoyed with the

support and the energy that was exhibited and the feedback from ISPO Intl as to the high calibre of EOI and subsequent bid that was received. This experience has left us to consider, *Is Australia ready to host an ISPO World Congress in 2027 or 2029?* We think so – and we would love to hear from you the members, as to how we could plan and achieve this, and seek feedback from any member interested in pursuing this project.

The focus of ISPO must always be to serve. We proudly stand as volunteers of ISPO to serve the communities who need us. Australia is not a developing country, we have access to world class education, professional memberships, we are served well by local and global distributors, and our clients in need have access to funding to enable orthotic and prosthetic and rehabilitation provision. The vision for ANMS ISPO is to *strengthen the lives of the prosthetic and orthotic community through a multidisciplinary approach.*

Our Committees and Executive have continued their projects where possible to do so and have explored new ways of contributing to our vision.

Sharing Achievements and Progress: *details in committee reports*

- Financially sound member Society through diligent Treasury management.
- Highly regarded and sought-after Research Grant awarded bi-annually, 2021 Grant available this year
- Foster and develop partnership working arrangements with like organisations to deliver integrated Pacific area O&P support (Motivation Australia).
- ISPO Australia sponsored session at AOPA Congress 2020 “Enhancing Global access to Services” including presentations from Outreach Chair Beth Sheehan, and ISPO funding recipient Laura Stuart for publishing "*Major Lower Limb Amputation in Central Australia: Incidence, Hospital Stay and Outcomes*".
- Participated in collaborative meeting with ISPO Lebanon, to explore an ongoing support partnership following the Beirut blast, economic devastation, and widespread community disadvantage.
- Preparations for society activities and meetings aligned with 2021 World Congress to be held virtually.
- Continuation of sponsorship of La Trobe University School of Prosthetics and Orthotics Student prizes for academic excellence, provided annually.

Opportunities for members:

The committees and projects above are resourced through the members and our investments; whereby combining experience, knowledge, and enthusiasm we collaborate and meet to shape the direction of the ANMS ISPO. Opportunities exist on all our committees with input sought from members. All skills, abilities and interests can likely be accommodated, as we work together to build an ISPO ANMS platform for the coming years. Every member can make a difference to the

landscape of Prosthetic and Orthotic and Rehabilitation service enhancement, please make contact to discuss how your ideas and enthusiasm can help our team with the next projects.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, we thank you for your support in 2020 and look forward to a progressive 2021 and hope you can join us virtually for the ISPO 18th World Congress.

Sincerely,



Sally Cavenett; President ANMS ISPO president@ispo.org.au

2. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report for the year ended December 31st, 2020; the audited Annual financial report is attached as an appendix.

Profit for the year was nearly \$14,000 which is down from last year. Our bank dividends were down substantially, they were \$15,000 less than last year. However, Lakehouse Capital has had a distribution of \$11,000 which is an increase of \$6,500 from the part year of 2019. Our expenses were down \$2,000 as we spent less on accounting due to the cessation of secretarial support. This is now being handled by James Kmet whose able assistance is making our Presidents multiple roles more manageable.

To spread our investment risk the executive committee decided to invest in an Australian Share market index fund called Vanguard Australian Shares (ASX: VAS). The initial investment of \$15,000 was made in January 2021 and it is proposed that we sell some bank shares and buy more of the VAS units.

Our investment of \$100,000 with Lakehouse Capital, who invest on the Australian Stock Exchange in small Cap companies is doing well for us with its value at the end of February 2021 being \$145,000 but it can be a volatile investment. This fund is now closed to new members and may soon close entirely as the managers have set a limit of \$500 Million on the funds they will accept. We could invest more with Lakehouse Capital, but the volatility may be an issue.

By carefully watching our expenditure our financial position remains sound.

ISPO Australia is a deductible Gift Recipient with the ATO and the Charities Commission and we now have three responsible persons to administer funds that people may donate. The committee still needs to set out policy concerning donations.

Richard Law, Hon. Treasurer, ANMS ISPO

3. Outreach Committee Report

Overview

2020 has been an interesting year for all organisations and support has had to change due to Covid-19. 2020 has been a challenging year for the outreach committee and associated organisations for providing on the ground support in the Pacific and neighbouring communities. The outreach committee decided to consolidate outstanding projects from 2019 and seek projects that required extra support in light of Covid-19.

Achievements for 2020

- Finalisation of the Donations Statement due to be published in 2021.
- Presentation of the draft Donations Statement for the 2020 AOPA Congress.
- Submission of abstract for the 2021 ISPO Congress.
- In light of Covid-19, economic crisis and the Beirut blast, the committee identified Lebanon ISPO for potential twinning society.
- Continued support and engagement with Motivation Australia to support the regional committee in the Pacific.

Plan

Lebanon and Australia ISPO committees have met to discuss potential collaboration of a twinning society. The support provided by ISPO Australia and the outreach committee would be in the form of continuing education and linking with prosthetic and orthotic international educators.

Continue to meet with Motivation Australia to ensure ongoing remote support to the Pacific regional network and identifying potential support for their committee to engage with the ISPO Congress in 2021.

The Outreach Committee are also looking for other projects that can be supported in a voluntary capacity both within the Pacific and within our region.

Finally, the Outreach Committee would be happy to engage with members who would like to join the committee. The committee is looking for opportunities for both the Outreach Committee and ISPO Australia collectively to be involved with throughout 2021 in a voluntary capacity. Any ideas will be welcomed and explored.

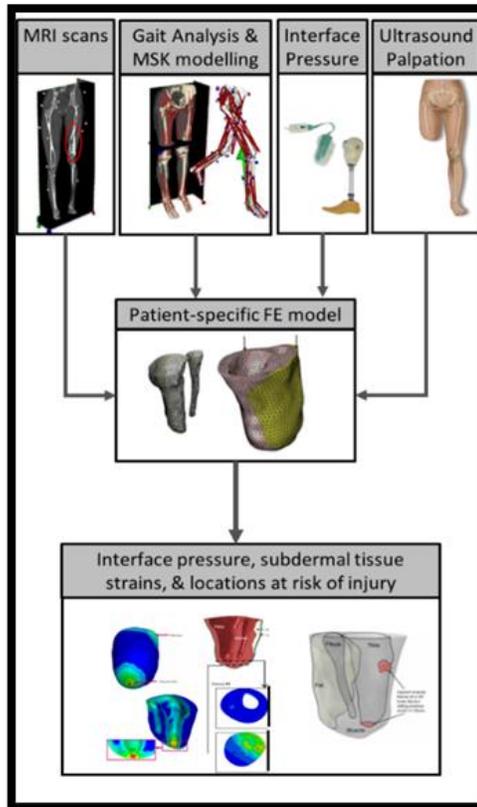
Beth Sheehan, Chair Outreach Committee

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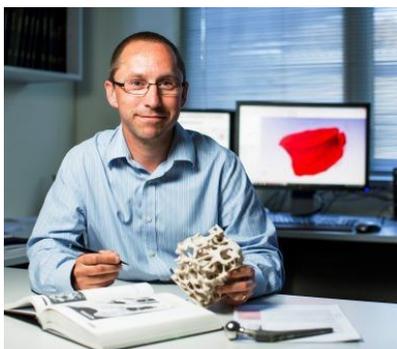
4. Science & Research Committee

a) Outcomes of 2017 ANMS ISPO RESEARCH GRANT

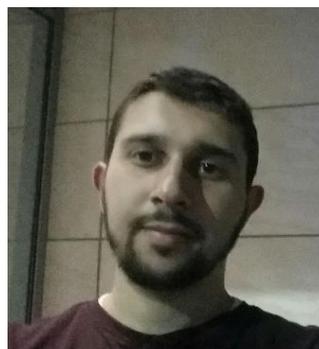
The Science and Education Committee of the ISPO-AMNS awarded the 2017 ISPO-AMNS Research Grant to Prof Mark Taylor, Dr Rami Al-Dirini, Prof Saulo Martelli, John Nisyrios and Sally Cavenett from Flinders University of South Australia. This team has received \$20,000 for a year to work on a project about closing the loop for the next-generation of prosthetic socket design using biomechanical computational models. This team has provided its final report.



Prof Mark Taylor



Dr Rami Al-Dirini



Prof Saulo Martelli



b) Outcomes of 2017 ANMS ISPO ENCOURAGEMENT RESEARCH GRANT

2017 ISPO-ANMS Encouragement Award was awarded to Dr Lauren Kark, Prof Gangadhara Rajan, Lucy Armitage and Dr Ginu Prusty from the University of New South Wales. This team has received \$10,000 for a year to work on a project about clinical utility of a novel residuum-socket interface sensor for normal and shear stress measurement. This grant supported a presentation at the Congress of International Society for Biomechanics, Calgary Aug 2019 (Armitage, Buller, Rajan, Prusty, Simmons, Kark, “Effect of Pressure Sensor Feedback on Prosthetic Socket Fabrication”) and publication of an article in Prosthetics and Orthotics International (Armitage, Buller, Rajan, Prusty, Simmons, Kark, “Clinical utility of pressure feedback to socket design and fabrication”. Prosthet Orthot Int. 2020;44(1):18-26. doi:10.1177/0309364619868364)

Dr Lauren Kark



Dr Ginu Rajan



Lucy Armitage



Prof Gangadhara Prusty



c) 2019 Research grant:

The Scientific and Research Committee was pleased to announce that the 2019 ISPO-ANMS Research Grant starting in early 2020 was awarded to Emily Ridgewell, Leigh Clarke, Sarah Anderson and Michael Dillon from the AOPA and La Trobe University. This team has received \$20,000 for a year to work on a project about the consumer experience with orthotic and prosthetic services and devices.

This grant is supporting stage two of the AOPA Consumer Choice Project – a new national approach to consumer experience benchmarking in orthotic/prosthetic service provision that will, in the long-term, contribute to improve quality of life of individuals suffering of neuromuscular or musculoskeletal pathologies who might benefit from prostheses or orthoses.

Emily Ridgewell



Leigh Clarke



Sarah Anderson



Michael Dillon



Next round Research grant in 2021: Watch this space!

Later this year, the Science and Research Committee will open the 2021 ISPO-ANMS Research Grant round of applications. This will give opportunities to award \$20,000 for a year to a research team with complementary expertise in academia, medical, engineering or technical fields focusing on sizeable promising projects of research that will, in the long-term, provide further evidence of the benefits of provision of prostheses and orthoses to individuals with neuromuscular or musculoskeletal pathologies treated in Australia.

The announcement will be made through various social media and guideline for application will be made available from the ISPO-ANMS websites in June.

Recruitment: Let's get involved!

In 2021, Science and Research Committee will also put significant emphasis on recruiting members. We are looking forward to welcoming new members interested by promoting science and research to the membership. Please, do not hesitate contacting us at Research_Science@ispo.org.au for more information.

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5. Education Committee Report

The Education committee is exploring running short day workshops on eminent topics relevant to prosthetics and orthotics.

The committee is proposing to work with Science and Research committee on development of a module on osseointegration as an online module which will be relevant to all the different disciplines within the ISPO member community.

Achievements: The Education Committee continued to support La Trobe University students with Lewis Meeny, Nathan Brown and Hannah Seeley receiving ANMS ISPO prizes for their outstanding efforts. ISPO Australia are continuing to engage with University of the Sunshine Coast in how we can best support their students in 2021.

No new projects delivered due to COVID pandemic in 2020. Due to virtual nature of conference delivery all aligned work-shop ideas and projects were put on hold.

Committee members: Current committee members include Dr Nidhi Gupta (Chair) and Dr Greg Bowring, committee member.

Future proposals and projects: Future orthotics course/ workshop catering to rehabilitation medicine registrars and specialists, physiotherapists, and orthotists is being explored likely to be conducted in parallel with Rehabilitation Medicine conferences and meetings.

Overarching projects as standalone course including workshops to disseminate knowledge in the field of osseointegration.

For more information or if you can add value to this committee, please contact:

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